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## **2004 GOVERNOR'S SERVICE AWARDS HONOR ROLL MEMBER ANNOUNCED**

(Lansing) – State Senator Irma Clark-Coleman (D-Detroit) announced that Dearborn-based Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS), was selected as a member of the Governor's 2004 Governor's Service Awards Volunteer Service Honor Roll. ACCESS was selected from more than 150 individuals, businesses, and nonprofit organizations from across the state that was nominated for the awards.

The award honors dedicated citizens and organizations who give of themselves through volunteer service. Governor Jennifer Granholm and First Gentleman Daniel Granholm Mulhern will honor ACCESS at the Governor's Service Awards dinner at the Amway Grand Plaza on Monday, May 24, in Grand Rapids.

"The ACCESS volunteers perform a tremendous service to Dearborn and to all of Michigan's citizens. At a time when ethnic and racial misjudgments threaten the fabric of our country, ACCESS has provided a clear path to a united Michigan," Sen. Clark-Coleman said.

The awards event is made possible through the generous contributions of the DTE Energy Foundation, General Motors Corporation, Health Alliance Plan, Lear Corporation, MGM Grand, and Whirlpool Corporation who are Award Sponsors and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network and Delta Dental Plan of Michigan who are Governor's Champions.

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The Governor's Service Awards are an annual statewide recognition program acknowledging the contributions made by volunteers and honors those whose commitment to serving others is exemplary. Award winners, selected from the five finalists, will receive a plaque from Governor Granholm and First Gentleman Mulhern during the evening's program. All finalists and honor roll members will receive a Governor's Special Tribute.

The Michigan Community Service Commission, a state agency that builds a culture of service to strengthen communities, issued nomination applications for this year's awards. After a rigorous peer review by individuals representing nonprofit, volunteer, business, and education organizations, 30 finalists were selected in six award categories.

To purchase tickets to attend the event or for more information about the Governor's Service Awards, visit [www.michigan.gov/mcsc](http://www.michigan.gov/mcsc) or call (517) 373-4200.

*State Sen. Irma Clark-Coleman represents the 3<sup>rd</sup> Senate District. She sits on the Banking & Financial Institutions, Education, Families & Human Services, and Senior Citizens & Veterans Affairs committees.*

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**Background:**

The Michigan Community Service Commission (MCSC), chaired by First Gentleman Daniel Mulhern, builds a culture of service by providing vision and resources to strengthen communities through volunteerism. In 2003-04, the MCSC is granting more than \$3.6 million in federal funds and \$280,100 in state funds to local communities for volunteer programs and activities. The MCSC supports and manages programs such as AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve, Michigan Volunteer Investment Grants, Michigan Citizen Corps, and Governor's Service Awards. For more information about the MCSC, please contact Kyle Caldwell, Executive Director, at (517) 335-4998. *Mr. Caldwell's phone number is not for public distribution.*